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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: NY MEETINGS ON WESTERN FIVE APPROACH TO SOUTH
AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

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1. WESTERN FIVE "EXPERTS" MET WITH AMBASSADORS AND MISOFFS
MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 AT CANADIAN MISSION. FRG
PRESENTED PAPER ON ATTITUDES OF PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA; UK PRE-
SENTED PAPER ON ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS; US INTRODUCED
PAPERS ON TURNHALLE CONSTITUTION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY
THE SAG; AND CANADA DISCUSSED SOUTH AFRICA'S REACTIONS TO
THE WESTERN FIVE DEMARCHE. (FRANCE WILL DISCUSS MEANING OF
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WORDS "ELECTIONS UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL" TOMORROW
MORNING.)

2. IN DISCUSSION OF US DRAFT POSITION PAPER, THE FIVE
AGREED ON GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

A) TO OBTAIN SAG'S AGREEMENT THAT THEPURPOSE OF THE

NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT CONSISTENT WITH SC RES 385;

B) THAT ALL OF THE PARTIES MAINLY CONCERNED MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY SETTLEMENT AND PROCEDURES MUST BE DEVISED FOR THE CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS TO ALLOW THESE PARTIES TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS;

C) BUT THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED MUST AVOID STEPS WHICH WILL FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SOUTH AFRICA SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TURNHALLE CONSTITUTION.

3. EXPERTS ALSO COMMENTED DISCUSSION OF TACTICS, AGREEING THAT FINE LINE MUST BE WALKED BETWEEN ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SAG, WHICH SHOULD BE DONE BY OTHERS (AS YET UNSPECIFIED), AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, OFFERING SUGGESTIONS TO THEM OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND ALSO TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. DISCUSSION OF TACTICS WILL CONTINUE APRIL 19 ON BASIS OF OVERNIGHT US DRAFT OF "INDICATIVE ELEMENTS" OF SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WHICH CONTACT GROUP MIGHT PRESENT ORALLY TO SAG, WITHOUT BEING DRAWN INTO NEGOTIATIONS. IN TODAY'S DISCUSSION IT WAS INTERESTING TO NOTE REPEATED RETURN OF UK REPS TO CONSIDERATION OF AN OPTION UNDER WHICH WESTERN POWERS WOULD BE COMPELLED TO DEAL WITH REALITY OF A TURNHALLE SOLUTION IN BEING.
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4. ON VENUE OF TALKS, IT WAS AGREED THAT INITIAL, FAIRLY BRIEF TALKS WITH SAG SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CAPETOWN, WITH SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS PROBABLY CONTINUED ELSEWHERE (NEW YORK?) AS MAY BE DETERMINED USEFUL.

5. FIVE AGREED TO PROPOSE TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT SAG BE NOTIFIED THAT WESTERN FIVE WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH SAG IN CAPETOWN ON APRIL 27 (CONTINGENT UPON WESTERN COORDINATION IN CAPETOWN, SINCE UK NEEDS TO VERIFY THAT THEIR NEGOTIATOR, WHO IS SAME OFFICIAL HANDLING RHODESIA, WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY). THE DELEGATIONS OF THE FIVE, INCLUDING LOCAL EMBASSY STAFFS AS APPROPRIATE, WOULD HOLD A PREPARATORY MEETING IN CAPETOWN AT 3 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 26. IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT THE INITIAL TALKS WITH THE SAG WOULD LAST THREE DAYS, APRIL 27-29, ALTHOUGH THEY COULD EXTEND INTO THE WEEKEND IF NECESSARY.
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